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AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF **AUGUST 24, 2004**

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action of August 24, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.

Claims 15 and 31 recite features that are similar to the features recited in claim 1. Thus, claims 15 and 31, along with their respective dependent claims, are likewise believed to patentably distinguish over Sasamoto and over Sasamoto in view of Mathews for at least the reasons given above.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully submits the application is now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is requested.

No fees are believed necessary; however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-1505\5681-81600\BNK.

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